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MSP for Rabi Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a big increase in support prices for most rabi crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of increase in support prices as compared to that of the last three years, commodity-wise;

(c) whether the said move would reduce demand-supply gap in pulses and oil seeds increased acreage and give a big boost to the income of the farmers, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether some State Governments and farmers associations are demanding more rise in support prices for rabi crops; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of all rabi crops for 2016-17 season. The MSPs of rabi crops for last three years and current year i.e. from 2013-14 to 2016-17 are given at Annexure.

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(c): The total area under pulses and oilseeds has increased in 2016-17 as compared to 2015-16. Area of pulses and oilseeds for 2015-16 and 2016-17 is given below:

(Lakh hectares)

crop	2015-16	2016-17
Kharif Pulses	113.6*	136.1**
Kharif oilseeds	188.5*	187.5**
Rabi Pulses#	88.12	95.09
Rabi oilseeds#	56.26	64.21

**As per 1st Advance Estimates
* As per 4th Advance Estimates
# As on 25.11.2016

As per 1st Advance Estimates of 2016-17, production of kharif pulses is estimated at 8.70 million tonnes as compared to 5.54 million tonnes in 2015-16. Production of kharif oilseeds during 2016-17 (1st Advance Estimates) is estimated at 23.36 million tonnes as compared to 16.59 million tonnes in 2015-16 .

(d) & (e): Suggestions from State Governments and various farmer organisations are received from time to time for increasing the MSP of crops. Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) for the major agricultural produce on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers various important factors that include cost of cultivation, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc.